

they read the Bible. They get their idea of Christianity from believers. They read professed Christians, and read them carefully too. How important then it is that our life should reflect the image of Christ. The one unanswerable argument in favor of Christianity is a consistent Christian life. Speaking of this the *Religious Telescope* says:

Profession can be gainsaid; truth can be denied; but a consistent life is a convincing demonstration. This is especially true of Christianity. The world can easily turn away from and even scoff at a nicely formulated creed; but Christianity transmuted into the consistent, holy lives of men and women is an argument in the presence of which the unregenerated take of their hats and reverently bow. Volumes of historical evidence in proof of the divinity of the gospel are to be welcomed; but one consistent, noble, Christ-like, self-denying life in a community possesses more convincing power than anything that ever has been or can be written by uninspired men. Members of the church, it is not the profession you make, but the life you live, that is the measure of your influence in your community. How are you living? Does your life reflect the Christ image? Are your neighbors compelled to say of you, He is indeed a good man? She is truly a good woman? If that is so, then all is right; if it is not so, then all is wrong, no matter how loud your profession.

TO ALL SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Have you received a blank form of report from Brother Yoder to be filled and returned to him again? If you have please fill the blanks at once and mail to Brother Yoder. If you have not received such blanks order them from him at once. Brother Yoder is national statistician on Sunday-schools and it is important that you assist him in gathering statistics. One alone cannot do this. Unless you respond to his calls the work cannot succeed.

Personal Mention.

In this issue Brother Gillin tells in a very practical way how a missionary spirit may be developed in the Sunday school.

We note that the Pennsylvania Mission Board has found Brother Wise and he is busy at work. We would now like to know where to address him.

Brother Shayer seems to have found a place to do missionary work, or at least where it ought to be done, without going to China or Africa either. He reports two accessions.

Note what Brother Yoder writes to the Sunday schools of the brotherhood. Let there be prompt

action in this matter so that Brother Yoder may be able to gather statistics. This is very important and we hope will receive the attention of all concerned.

Brother John K Leedy has been doing some good work in Fort Valley, Va., preaching the gospel and taking subscriptions for the *EVANGELIST*. He promises us a full report of his work.

Read the very interesting article from Sister Grossnickle in this issue. She is blest with wonderful descriptive powers and writes quite entertainingly about her trip. May we hear from her again?

We have not yet learned whether Brother Tom- baugh has returned from his trip to California or not. If he has we hope he will follow the example of Sister Grossnickle and tell us something about the journey.

Our readers will be sorry to learn of the sudden illness of Brother McFaden. Sabbath August 1, he preached twice and in the evening baptized a young lady. He was not well then, and on Monday took very sick, with symptoms of bad typhoid fever. Let the church unite in prayer for his speedy recovery.

Sister Mary K. Fair, Hardy, Neb., renews her subscription to the *EVANGELIST* and sends two dollars extra, one for the Chicago Mission and the other for the Washington Mission. The Lord bless the sister for her interest in the cause. She says she prizes the paper very highly as it always comes laden with such precious news.

Brother C O. Witter, in an article entitled, "The Philosophy of the Young People's Movement," writes very lucidly of the increased opportunities and larger responsibilities and duties of the young people. There is a great power in the young people of the Christian church to day and they are responsible for its proper use.

Sister Mary Rader, Marion, Ind., sends ten cents for the Brethren Quarterly and adds: "We have no Brethren Sunday school here and as that is our faith we want to study our own literature and teach it to our children." When the Lord comes shall he find faith on the earth? If so he will find it in such places as these and among such people. Here is true faithfulness.

The girl who put the five dollar bill in the collection basket at the close of Brother Bauman's farewell sermon is another example of what it really means to give. She earns her money working hard at two dollars per week and yet she put the five dollars in the basket. Does not her example put thousands of stingy church members to open shame? "Go thou and do likewise."

Sister N. M. Sword sends ten cents for a sample package of tracts and says: "I believe that a little tract often preaches a powerful sermon. When I got off the train the other day I distributed some tracts and am sure they will help some one." Here is a quiet way of working in which all may engage. The sister sows in hope and she will be sure to reap.

Sister Horne sends ten cents for a package of tracts and says: "May the Lord bless you greatly for the deep interest you seem to take in your work generally for the Brethren church especially as Editor. I think the paper seems to be improving all the time. I love to read it. So many times I found comfort and sympathy in it with good advice and scriptural explanation that are very profitable. It must be quite a responsibility to fill your position. May you have grace and strength for it. I am so glad to see the spirit of missions arise in our church. I pray that the

work may grow for it is needed so much. I long for a mission by the Brethren in this city. May God grant it." Such letters are encouraging. It is a comfort to know that there are those who appreciate the arduous toils, and realize the responsibilities connected with the work of the office which we are endeavoring to fill. May the Lord bless the sister and answer her prayer.

Brother B. C. Moomaw and family have our sympathy in the hour of their sad bereavement. Death visited their peaceful home removing from them their first born son. It is sad to part with our loved ones, but it is a sweet thought to know that they pass away in the triumphs of a living faith. We rejoice that in this time of sore bereavement Brother Moomaw finds the gospel so exceedingly precious. May the Lord bless, comfort and sustain him and his family.

Notes and Comments.

It is Vain.—That great wealth does not assure happiness and peace of mind to its possessor is once more proven by the suicide of Barney Barnado. The accumulation of great wealth was the sole object of his life but he found that instead of bringing peace and happiness to his heart it brought only misery and wretchedness. He counted his money by the hundred millions, but of what avail was it? It lost him his soul. Oh, the vanity of earthly riches. It has kept none out of the church but it will keep thousands out of the kingdom of God.

White Buttons.—Some three years ago Hon. L. S. Coffin introduced among railroad men a white button marked R. R. T. A., or R. R. Temperance Association. It is now worn by more than 130,000 railway men in the United States and Canada. A man wearing such a button is not likely to be asked to take a drink. We hope for the day when the white button will be worn by millions instead of thousands.

Slandered.—The Ohio liquor dealer's organ announces that saloons everywhere must fight the Anti-saloon League or its cause is lost. It claims that the League has slandered the saloons of Ohio and reduced the number from 13,000 to 9,000. We never before heard of such a thing as slandering a saloon. How is it done? There is no evil that can be said of it that is not true. If reducing the number of saloons is slandering them then we pray for more of this kind of slander.

More than One Way.—There are many ways and many methods of doing religious work. If you fail in one try another. A preacher once invited a man to attend his services which he refused to do, but consented to take a tract. A few weeks after he stood up in the meeting and confessed that the tract led him to Jesus. Sometimes a man will refuse to enter a church and listen to a sermon but will consent to read a tract when alone, and that tract may be more effectual for the salvation of his soul than a sermon. Always keep tracts on hand and give them away when opportunity affords.

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